

*The County of Northampton in partnership with
the Center for Humanistic Change presents:*

The Addiction and Recovery Educational Forum

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SPEAKING UP: Changing the Dialogue to End the Stigma Epidemic

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LANGUAGE MATTERS!

SAY THIS

- PERSON WITH A SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER
- PERSON LIVING IN RECOVERY
- PERSON LIVING WITH AN ADDICTION
- PERSON ARRESTED FOR A DRUG VIOLATION
- CHOOSES NOT TO AT THIS POINT
- MEDICATION IS A TREATMENT TOOL
- HAD A SETBACK
- MAINTAINED RECOVERY
- POSITIVE DRUG SCREEN

NOT THAT

- ADDICT, JUNKIE, DRUGGIE
- EX- ADDICT, STRAIGHT / CLEAN
- BATTLING / SUFFERING FROM AN ADDICTION
- DRUG OFFENDER, JAILBIRD
- NON-COMPLIANT, BOMBED-OUT
- MEDICATION IS A CRUTCH
- RELAPSED
- STAYED CLEAN
- DIRTY DRUG SCREEN





SPEAK UP FOR BEN!

that where there is wrong,

I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;

Break the Silence
End the Stigma
Never Forget

THE RIGHT TO KNOW:

1

The opioids
potential
for
dependency

2

The link
between
prescription
drug
dependency
and
heroin abuse

3

Possible
non-opioid
alternative
treatments

Require physicians to discuss
with their patients the addictive potential
of opioid based drugs
BEFORE PRESCRIBING THEM.

ANGELS OF THE VALLEY

**I was somebody's loved one.
What if I was yours?**

Addiction Does Not Discriminate. People Do.

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OASIS Community Center

Est. 2019

Certified Family Recovery Specialists

- Rhonda Miller, CFRS and Brenda Walker, CFRS
- *Both have walked alongside their sons as they struggled with addiction.*
- *We have personal experience locating resources for adolescents and adults.*
- *We understand the spectrum of family grief, we are compassionate listeners, and we are uniquely equipped to guide you into family recovery.*

Our Support Services

Support Groups

- Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)
- Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA)
- Al-Anon
- Nar-Anon
- Bethlehem Parent & Family Support Group
- Grief & Loss Groups – Early & Advanced
- Family Group Counseling

Programs

- Skill Building Book Studies
- Feel Good Fridays – wellness workshops
- Recovery Connection – community speakers and educational presentations
- Special Events – e.g., Family Recovery Day
- Bereavement Home Visitations
- Community Outreach & Advocacy

All our groups and programs are offered in-person, CDC-compliant and virtually.

Visit OasisBethlehem.org/calendar

8.3 million children live with at least one parent who abused or was dependent on alcohol or an illicit drug





In loving memory of our son

Benjamin Alden Miller

*“You continue to make an
impact on this world.”*

Sunrise August 8, 1992

Sunset August 1, 2016

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